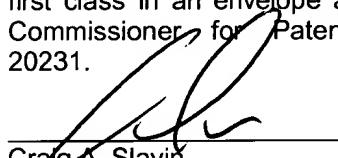




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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

DATED DECEMBER 5, 2001

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to April 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1 of the specification, please rewrite the paragraph on lines 2-4 in the following amended form:

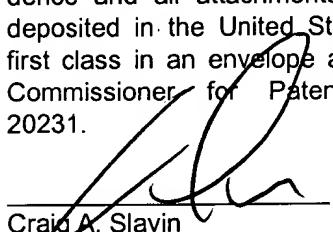
This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 08/961,374, filed October 30, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,203,525, which is ~~itself~~ a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 08/769,856, filed December 19, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,332,880, which is incorporated herein by reference thereto.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.
- A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time, a Terminal Disclaimer and a Power of Attorney are enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	28 minus	28 =	0	x \$ 9	\$	x \$ 18	\$0
INDEP.	2 minus	3 =	0	x \$ 42	\$	x \$ 84	\$0
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Two checks in the amount of \$110 to cover the fees for the Petition for Extension of Time and Terminal Disclaimer are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

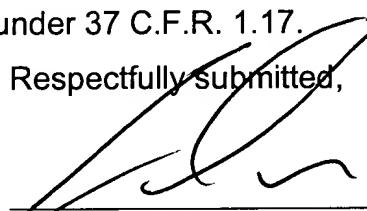
Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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